

DARLASTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

R E P O R T


of the

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

for 1964.

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REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1964.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Darlestone.
James Bridge 2391.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
DARLSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1964, with which is incorporated that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The estimated mid-year population of 21,540 indicated a sharp decrease of 440 on the previous year, the first occasion since 1951 that an annual increase in population has not been recorded. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 79. The number of births was 310, once again a decrease on the total for the previous year, with a resultant further widening of the gap between the local and national births rates. On the other hand, for the second year in succession the number of deaths recorded in the town was almost identical with the previous years total, the adjusted death rate continuing to be substantially in advance of that for England and Wales. Six of these deaths occurred during the first year of life, of which five survived for less than a month, and in fact three of these died less than a week after birth.

The number of infectious diseases notified during the year was 105, a very substantial decrease from the previous year, measles and whooping cough claiming almost 90% of the cases. For the twelfth successive year no cases of diphtheria occurred. In all respects the picture of the general health of the community can be regarded as pleasing, although the very low tuberculosis level of the previous year was not maintained.

As in former years the extensive annual amount of meat inspection work was vigorously tackled by the Public Health Inspectors and a very high standard was maintained throughout.

In concluding this, the second annual report that it has been my privilege to present to the Council as their Acting Medical Officer of Health, and conceivably the last one it will be possible to compile in this form owing to the Local Government Boundary Re-organisation which is to take place on 1st April 1966, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for the intense interest they have always declared in the work of the Department, and to Chief Officers of other Departments for their kind co-operation and help at all times. Finally, my thanks to the Chief Public Health Inspector, and all members of the Health Department for their continuing loyalty and for their assistance in the preparation of this report.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
H.A.H. Summers,
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

S T A F F .

Acting Medical Officer of Health ... H.A.H Summers M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector ... T.H.Meredith, M.A.P.H.I.
Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector ... I.Thompson, M.A.P.H.I.
District Public Health Inspectors ... B.T.Robertson M.A.P.H.I.
R.Taylor M.A.P.H.I - (Appointed 6.1.64
Resigned - 21.10.64.)
S.G.Dagg - (Appointed 6.1.64.
Resigned 3.8.64.)
R.D.Stirling - (appointed 8.12.64).
Housing Visitor ... Mrs H. Ebbens (resigned 4.10.64).
Mrs E.M.Drea - (Appointed 16.11.64)
Senior Clerk ... Mrs F.Sharpe.
Junior Clerk ... Miss J.Pinson (Resigned 28.2.64)
Miss S.James (Appointed 1.4.64).

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I am indebted to Mr.Green, Manager of the Darlestone Branch of the Ministry of Labour for the following report:-

The level of employment in Darlestone during 1964 improved continuously during the year. In January 1964 there was a total of 145 workers registered as unemployed. This had decreased to 32 by December 1965. The amount of short-time working during the year was negligible.

The demand for labour increased steadily during the year and a total of 489 people were placed in employment in the Darlestone area.

The number of insured workers employed in the area was 20,168, an increase of 579 on the figure for 1963.

The percentage of unemployed in Darlestone was well below the national figure at all times during the year.

Industrial relations between employers and workers continued to be good with no major industrial disputes taking place.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Area in Acres 1,535.
 Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for mid-1964. 21,540.
 Comparability factor for births 0.97
 Comparability factor for deaths 1.44
 Number of inhabited houses according to the rate book (as at 1.4.64). 6,363.
 Total rateable value (as at 1.4.64) £908,065.
 Industrial rateable value (as at 1.4.64) £439,978.
 Sum represented by a Penny Rate in respect of year ended 31.3.64. £3,695.

LIVE BIRTHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Population.	Adjusted Rate/ 1000 Population (x 0.97)	Rate for England and Wales /1000 resident population.
Legitimate	157.	143.	300.			
Illegitimate	6	4	10.	14.39	14.15	18.4
Totals:-	163.	147.	310.			

Illegitimate Live Births, as percentage of Total Births (by sexes).

Male.	Female.	Total.
3.7%	2.7%	3.2%

STILL BIRTHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live and Still Births.	Rate / 1000 Live & Still Births for England & Wales.
Legitimate	5.	0.	5.		
Illegitimate	-	-	-	15.9	16.4
Totals:-	5.	0.	5.		

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	162	143	305.
Illegitimate	6.	4.	10.
Totals:-	168.	147.	315.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live Births.	Rate/1000 Legitimate Live Births.	Rate/1000 Illegitimate Live Births.	Rate/1000 Live Births England & Wales.
Legitimate	3.	3.	6.	19.3	20.0	0.0	20.0
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
Totals:-	3.	3.	6.				

NEONATAL MORTALITY (Deaths under 4 weeks of age).

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live Births.	Rate/1000 Live Births England & Wales.
Legitimate	3.	2.	5.	16.1	13.8
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Totals:-	3.	2.	5.		

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY (Deaths under 1 week of age).

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live Births.
Legitimate	2.	2.	4.	12.9
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
Totals:-	2.	2.	4.	

PERINATAL MORTALITY (Combined Still Births and Deaths under 1 week of age).

Total.	Rate/1000 Live & Still Births.	Rate / 1000 Live & Still Births England & Wales.
9.	28.6	28.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of women during or in consequence of Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion).

Total.	Rate / 1000 Live and Still Births.	Rate / 1000 Live & Still Births England & Wales.
nil.	0.0	0.25.

DEATHS:

	Male.	Female	Total	Rate / 1000 Resident Population.	Adjusted Death Rate (by 1.44)	Death Rate England and Wales.
All causes:-	135.	96.	231.	10.7	15.4	11.3

CAUSES OF DEATH ACCORDING TO REGISTRAR
GENERAL'S RETURN.

DISEASES.	Male	Female	Total.
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	2	6	8
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	14	-	14
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasm	14	12	26
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	15	15	30
Coronary Diseases Angina	31	12	43
Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	5	8
Other Heart Diseases	20	15	35
Other Circulatory Diseases	3	2	5
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	5	3	8
Bronchitis	12	6	18
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Congenital Malformations	1	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases.	6	5	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	-	5
All other Accidents	-	2	2
Suicide	2	3	5
Total All Causes :-	135	96	231

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER, 1964.

A G E.														
20 - 24.		25 - 34.		35 - 44.		45 - 54 .		55 - 64.		65 - 74.		75 & up.		
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Cancer of														
Stomach.														
			1.					1.	2.	1.	2.		1.	
Cancer of														
Lungs and														
Bronchus.														
				1.		1.		6.		5.		1.		
Cancer of														
Breast.														
							1.		1.		1.		2.	
Cancer of														
Uterus.														
							1.							
Cancer of														
Other sites.														
						1.	2.	5.	4.	5.	2.	3.	4.	

SECTION B.
INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA:

It is very satisfactory to be able to report that the town has been free from diphtheria for twelve years in succession, but this is no reason for discontinuing protective immunisation of infants against this disease.

SCARLET FEVER:

Six cases were reported during the year. The disease was mild and recovery uneventful.

DYSENTERY:

Four cases were reported during 1964.

WHOOPING COUGH:

Thirtyone cases were reported, twelve boys, nineteen girls, and twentyfour of the cases were under five years of age. This disease is still a problem, the after effects of which can be serious, and parents would be well advised to see that the children are protected by immunisation.

MEASLES:

Sixtyone cases were reported compared with twohundred cases in 1963. The disease was generally mild.

PNEUMONIA:

Only one case was notified.

TUBERCULOSIS:

Thirteen cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and one case of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis, were reported during the year; a slight increase on last year's figures.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA:

No cases notified during the year.

ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS:

No cases notified during the year.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis			Total	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis
	A C E S				
	Under 24	25 to 54	55 and over		
1945	11	6	2	19	2
1946	9	4	2	15	1
1947	6	2	4	12	3
1948	10	6	7	23	2
1949	5	7	4	16	-
1950	-	4	4	8	-
1951	1	5	1	7	4
1952	2	1	-	3	1
1953	-	5	1	6	-
1954	1	2	5	8	3
1955	1	1	2	4	-
1956	-	1	4	5	-
1957	-	2	4	6	-
1958	-	1	2	3	-
1959	-	2	1	3	-
1960	-	1	2	3	-
1961	-	1	-	1	-
1962	-	1	-	1	-
1963	-	-	1	1	-
1964	-	-	1	1	-

NUMBER OF CASES OF COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED SINCE 1945

Year	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis
1945	21	34	127	52	18	30	3
1946	17	21	7	18	12	28	2
1947	17	55	311	51	16	30	3
1948	6	53	169	29	16	36	2
1949	2	39	133	25	10	23	-
1950	-	14	78	44	13	16	2
1951	2	15	174	74	9	30	3
1952	-	33	145	41	16	28	3
1953	1	28	342	89	27	36	1
1954	0	23	9	138	15	25	3
1955	-	13	355	30	10	20	-
1956	-	4	3	15	14	21	-
1957	-	1	406	124	4	18	3
1958	-	12	24	5	3	28	2
1959	-	6	271	20	12	16	-
1960	-	14	11	13	1	16	-
1961	-	6	481	3	6b	14	2
1962	-	9	8	14	2	18	4
1963	-	13	200	42	3	8	2
1964	-	6	61	31	1	13	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Disease	No of Cases Suspected	Confirmed	Removed to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	6	6	-
Whooping Cough	31	31	2
Anterior Polyomyelitis	1		1
Measles	61	61	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	4	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Age Groups.	Dysentery		Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Measles		Pneumonia	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1		1			1	2	4	2		
1 - 2	1			1	2	5	7	9		
3 - 4		1			4	6	11	4		
5 - 9			3	2	5	6	12	10		
10-14										
15-24								1		
25 & Over	1								1	
Age Unknown								1		
TOTAL:	2	2	3	3	12	19	34	27	1	

TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED AND DEATH OCCURRING DURING 1964.

Age.	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Notified by Death.		Deaths			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 4 years.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 29 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 34 years	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 39 years	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 - 44 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 49 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50 - 54 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 59 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 - 64 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 years and over.	-	1	-	-	-	4.	-	4.	-	-
Total All Ages:-	8.	5.	1.	-	-	1	-	1	-	-

SECTION C.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE.

The Public Health Laboratory, Martin Street, Stafford, deals with any bacteriological or bio-chemical investigation of disease found to be necessary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOSPITALS.

Admission to these hospitals is arranged through the Public Health Department, or in emergency, on application by the General Practitioner direct to the hospital.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Treatment can be obtained either at the Menor Hospital, Walsall, or the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton.

GENERAL HOSPITALS.

Admission is arranged by the General Practitioner direct to the hospital.

MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

The patient's doctor arranges admission as necessary on medical grounds. If admission on any other grounds is thought desirable, application should be made to the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston, or the Bentley Ante-Natal Clinic, Churchill Road, Bentley.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS.

These are held at the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston, on Monday and Thursday afternoons each week, and also at the Clinic, Churchill Road, Bentley, on Friday afternoons.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

A weekly session is held at the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston, on Wednesday mornings, and at the Clinic, Churchill Road, Bentley, on afternoons of the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

HEALTH VISITORS.

The Health Visitors working in this district can usually be contacted at the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston (James Bridge 2923) during the day, and they also attend the above clinics.

DOMESTIC HELP.

The service for this district is administered by the Area Medical Officer, 20 Hydes Road, Wednesbury - Telephone No: Wednesbury 0961/2. The service is provided where necessary in cases of sickness, childbirth, infirmity, or other household emergencies.

DISTRICT NURSES:

There are three district nurses practising in the district. When their services are required the family doctor will normally make the arrangement.

MIDWIFERY.

There are three domiciliary mid-wives employed by the Staffordshire County Council practising in this district. Below is a list of their names and addresses:-

Miss D. Butler, 3 Ames Road, Darlestone.

Telephone No: James Bridge 2557.

Mrs V.M.Carroll, "Glenroy" Walsall Rd.,
County Bridge, Willenhall.

Telephone No: Willenhall 65410.

Mrs E.M. Harris, 38 Victory Avenue, Darlestone.

Telephone No: James Bridge 2603.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

- (a) Vaccination against smallpox is carried out by the General Practitioner, and at the Infant Welfare Clinics by appointment.
- (b) Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus, is performed at the Infant Welfare Clinics each week, mostly on children between the ages of 9 and 12 months.
- (c) Immunisation against Poliomyelitis.

All polio vaccine is available as required from the General Practitioner, and from the Infant Welfare Clinics. No appointment needed.

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SECTION D.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year no action was taken under Section 47 of the above Act.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS:

Food Poisoning:

No cases were reported to me during this period.

SECTION F

HOUSING

I am grateful to Mr. Knight, Housing Manager, for the following report:-

During 1964 the Council let 191 new units of accommodation, of these 92 were allocated to slum clearance and persons whose houses were affected by road improvement schemes, and the remainder to general need. Units completed consisted of:

20 two bedroom maisonettes.
18 one bedroom flats.
18 two bedroom flats
56 one bedroom flats)
56 two bedroom flats) Multi-storey
4 flatlets) accommodation.
3 O.A.P. Bungalows.
10 Three bedroom houses
6 two bedroom houses.

191

During 1964 there were 48 houses which became available for re-letting which were allocated as follows:-

25 - General Need
19 - Slum Clearance
4 - Road Improvements.

Multi-storey Accommodation

It will be noticed from the above figures that the Council during the period completed two blocks of 15 storey flats. This is noteworthy because these were the first two multi storey block of flats ever built in this town. It is pleasing to be able to say that there was no great difficulty in allocating this new type of accommodation and I think on the whole the tenants are extremely satisfied with the accommodation that they were given.

Obviously this has caused new management problems but these problems will be solved as time goes by.

Housing Register

4 applications from single persons
140 applications from persons with two in family
22 applications from persons with three in family
59 applications from persons with four in family.

295

The housing register showed a decrease on the previous year of 128.

SECTION G.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply:

The main part of Darlestone's water supply comes from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and the remainder is supplied by the Wolverhampton Water Undertaking. Regular samples were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory in quality and quantity.

I am indebted to R.H.Taylor Esq., B.Sc., M.I.C.E., Engineer in Chief, South Staffordshire Waterworks Company for the following report:-

1. The water supply to the Urban District of Darlestone has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity. The supply is obtained from groups of pumping stations in the neighbourhood of Cannock and Lichfield and from surface sources outside the Urban District.
2. Water from all sources is examined regularly both chemically and bacteriologically and, where treatment is practised, both before and after treatment. During 1964 99 of the 100 samples taken from two of the pumping stations, from which a large proportion of the water normally supplied is obtained, were free from all types of coliform bacteria.
3. Regular samples are examined from the Waterman's house in Slater Street, Darlestone, where 12 samples were free from coliform bacteria. The samples were also examined chemically, the average results for 1964 being:-

pH	7.3	
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	128	parts per million.
Chlorides (Cl) ³	68.6	parts per million.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (N)	.014	parts per million.
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.042	parts per million.
Oxidised Nitrogen (N)	2.6	parts per million.
Oxygen absorbed (3 hr @ 27°C)	.43	parts per million.
Temporary Hardness.	122.	parts per million.
Permanent Hardness	76.	parts per million.
Total Hardness	198.	parts per million.
Iron (Fe)	.06	parts per million.
Manganese (Mn)	.01	parts per million.
Poisonous Metals (Cu & Pb)	Nil.	
Free Cl	Nil.	

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvency, all 12 samples from the Waterman's house being free from any detectable quantity of lead.

Chlorination is practised at most of the pumping stations, largely as a precautionary measure. Emergency chlorination is performed in cases of emergency such as burst mains etc., special staff and equipment are available for this purpose. New mains etc., are not brought into use until the water has been examined and proved satisfactory.

SEWAGE WORKS:

I am grateful to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information:

"The capacity of the Darleston Sewage Works is for a population of 21,000 producing 25 gallons of sewerage per capita per day which is a total dry weather flow of 525,000 gallons per day. Up to 3.14 times this average rate of flow receives the full settlement and filter treatment and this covers peak sewage flows and light rain fall. A further 0.66 times this (D.W.F.) can be accepted for full treatment before the operation of a weir discharging the surplus to storm tanks which have a total capacity of 160,200 gallons.

During 1964 a contract was let and completed for the replacement of the James Bridge ejector which served the south east part of the town by a connection to the Walsell Western main sewer. This connection reduces the flow to the Darleston Works by 125,000 gallons per day (D.W.F.) In conjunction with Walsell County Borough the trade effluent survey has been substantially completed and significant progress has been made in the tracing of dischargers to old mine workings.

PUBLIC BATHS:

The building is of modern design and construction, by virtue of which it compares favourably with any in the Midlands.

Full provision is made for filtering, heating, and sterilising the 133,000 gallons of water contained in the swimming pool. The source of the water is the South Staffordshire Waterworks, and there is a four hour turnover of the full pool. Sterilisation is by break point chlorination, and in addition to chemical and bacteriological analysis carried out at the County and Public Health Laboratory, Stafford, there are frequent checks on the chlorination each day.

Slipper and shower baths are available, and afford a useful service, being regularly used by people whose accommodation lacks these facilities.

Bacteriological examination showed no coliform bacilli per 100 ml.

Chemical analyses were equally satisfactory.

Water sampling is carried out by this department at intervals during the year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1964.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

With the increased amount of new legislation and a shortage of staff, this has been a difficult year; despite these conditions the Department has continued to press on with work other than routine matters. To a large extent this is due to the willing manner in which members of the staff worked an excessive amount of overtime on maintaining 100% meat inspection.

A considerable amount of preliminary work was carried out with regard to slum clearance, and satisfactory progress is now being maintained.

The preliminary work with regard to the Smoke Control area has been completed and conversions have been commenced; the date of operation was put back to the 1st April 1965 specifically to avoid the necessity for people to change to a smokeless appliance in the middle of a winter period.

With an increase of open space adjacent to the town centre there has been an increase in the numbers of gypsy caravans parking in the Darlaston area. Immediate and strict action has indicated to these people that they are not wanted on these sites. The local police have been of considerable assistance in matters involving these gypsies.

Regular inspections of the various food premises including factory canteens, have been carried out and an overall improvement has been noted.

Despite unsatisfactory working conditions, a high standard of meat inspection has been maintained.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, and Members of the Health Committee, the other Chief Officers, and to all members of the staff of the Department.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T.H.Meredith,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING ACTS, 1936 and 1957

(1) ACTION IN RESPECT OF INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES:

(a)	Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made :-	No of Houses
	Castle Street, 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14	8
	Perry Street, 50, 51	2
	Total.	10
(b)	Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	No of Houses
	Blockall, 30, 31	2
	Heathfield Lane, 6.	1
	The Green, 147	1
	Tilley Street, 19	1
	Willenhall Street, 46.	1
	Total:-	6

(2) CLEARANCE AREA ACTION

(a)	The following Clearance Areas were declared by the Council	No of Houses.
	No 81 - Foster Street, 24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33.	9
	No 82 - Central; 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16. 17,18,19 Walsall Street. 39,41,42,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53, 54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63 Foster Street. 50 Bell Street.	43
	No 82 - Central (Land Adjoining) 51,52,53,53a Bell Street 1,2,3,4,5,6, New Buildings Foster Street.	10
	No. 83 - Bell Street 54,55,56,57,59,60,61	7
	No. 84 - Walsall Road 35,37,39,41.	4
	No. 85 - Willenhall Road 19,21,23,25,27,29,31,33,35.	9
	No. 86 - Dangerfield Lane, 4,5.	2
	No. 87 - Moxley Road, 117,119,121.	3
	No. 88 - Bell Street, 17, Foster Street and 15 Bell Street,	2
	No. 89 - Blockall, 32,33,34,35,36,37 and 38	7
	No. 90 - Central 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 The Leys, 11 The Leys/1 Alma Street, 2 & 3 Alma Street	13
	No. 91 - Bull Street, 26,27,28,29,30.	5
	No. 92 - Alma Street, 9,10,11,12,13,14,15 Alma Street	7
	No. 93 - Bell Street, 19,20,21. & 22	4
	No. 94 - Albert St/Tilley St. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,21,22,23, 24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35, Albert St. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 and 21 Tilley Street.	55
	No. 94 - Albert St/Tilley Street - Land Adjoining, 36,37,38,39,40, Albert Street.	5

TOTAL :

185

(b) Clearance Orders Confirmed: No of Houses

The Darlaston (Walsall Road) Clearance Order 1964	4
The Darlaston (Willenhall Rd) Clearance Order 1964	9
The Darlaston (Moxley Road) Clearance Order 1964	3
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(c) Compulsory Purchase Orders Confirmed: No of Houses

The Darlaston (Eldon Street) Compulsory Purchase Order 1964	4
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3. HOUSES WHICH BECAME VOID: No of Houses.

(a) Formal Action:

Individual unfit houses. Demolition Orders	12
Individual unfit houses. Closing Orders	--
Clearance Areas	78
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DEMOLITION

(1) Houses demolished	(Demolition Orders)	12
(2) Houses demolished	(Clearance Areas)	91
(3) Houses Closed	(Closing Orders)	--
(4) Houses Closed	(Undertakings under Section 16	--

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses During the Year.

(1) (a) Houses inspected for housing defects (Public Health Acts or Housing Acts).....	300
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.....	300
(2) Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit.....	212
(3) Houses (Exclusive of those in (2) above) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation.....	88

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Defective Houses, rendered fit in the consequence of Informal action by the Local Authority.....	44
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9 & 10 of the Housing Acts 1936 and 1957.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....	NIL
(11) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	NIL
(a) By Owners.....	
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.....	NIL
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....	88
(11) Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners.....	25
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.....	NIL
(111) Houses in which defects were remedied after legal Proceedings.....	NIL

HOUSE BUILDING

The following houses were erected by the Council:-

Address:	One Bedroom	Two Bedrooms	Three Bedrooms
Bush Street.		3	
Almond Avenue		6	10
Fairview Court, Western Avenue - (Multi Storey Block)	29	29	
Linden Avenue, Western Avenue - (Mainsonettes)	12	36	
Grange Court, Western Avenue - (Multi Storey Block)	30	28	
Wolverhampton Street.		24	
Total of each type	71	126	10
Total of all Types :-	207		

HOUSING VISITOR

(For Council owned property)

While the majority of Council houses were found to be satisfactory, there has been a hard core of sub-standard families where it has proved difficult, and in some instances almost impossible to establish permanent improvements. This lack of permanent improvement can be disheartening, but it is only by frequent visits that some immediate or temporary improvement can be brought about. The threat of Court proceedings seems to have little effect, and the mental attitude of some of these families must be taken into consideration because in several instances some of the adult members could be considered of below average intelligence.

Regular visits have been made to old age persons, and in some instances the co-operation of other organisations has been sought to ensure these tenants have reasonable standards in the home.

Total number of visits made to Council Houses 3,851
 Number of visits to sub-standard Council houses..... 960
 Number of visits to old age pensioners living alone 485

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACTS, 1950 - 1959

Discretionary Grants totalling £2,059;10;6d were approved by the Council in respect of the following 10 houses:-

Addenbrooke Street, 10	1
Charles Foster Street, 17.....	1
Cope. Street, 21.....	1
Gladstone Street, 39.....	1
Gordon Street, 13.....	1
Walsall Road, 135, 320.....	2
Wolverhampton Street, 147.....	1
Short Street, 8.....	1
Victoria Place, 2.	2

Standard Grants totalling £101;6;6d. were approved by the Council in respect of the following two houses:-

Sandwell Avenue 10.....	1
Wiley Avenue, 35.....	1
Work was completed at the following 10 houses :-	
Addenbrooke Street, 10. 61, 63.....	3
Cope. Street, 21.....	1
Gladstone Street, 39.....	1
Gordon Street, 13.....	1
Tilley Street, 33.....	1
Walsall Road, 320, 342.....	2
Wiley Avenue, 35.....	1

RENT ACT, 1957.

There were no applications for certificates of disrepair, or for cancellation of certificates.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES:

Items in respect of which informal notices were served.....1005
Items in respect of which abatement notices were served..... 39
Items which were complied with (including drain stoppages)..... 927

MORTUARY.

The mortuary is situated at the rear of the Town Hall, and contains a three body chilled cabinet, and facilities for post mortem examinations.

During the year 26 bodies were received into the mortuary, and a post mortem examination was carried out in each case.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There is no ground within the Urban District suitable for parking caravans, and, as in the past there has been prompt joint action by this Department and the Police to prevent the settling of moveable dwellings on the outskirts of the district.

41 Caravans were moved on.

Land near the centre of the town is used as winter quarters for members of the Showmen's Guild. There is close co-operation between the owners of the site the members of the Guild, and the Health Department, and the small number of complaints received are promptly dealt with.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Visits to infectious disease cases (including food poisoning)	30
Premises disinfected after infectious disease.....	4
Terminal disinfection following deaths from Tuberculosis.....	NIL
Premises disinfested in connection with verminous conditions (e.g. fleas and bugs).....	3
Premises disinfested (e.g. ants, cockroaches etc).....	47
Destruction of bedding.....	111

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Engineer and Surveyor has supplied the following information -

Household Refuse collected during 1964

	<u>Tons</u>
January.....	1,102
February.....	918
March.....	929
April.....	948
May.....	954
June.....	915
July.....	904
August.....	900
September.....	957
October.....	992
November.....	925
December.....	1,056

11,582 Tons

All refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping at
Bentley Mill Lane.

MEAT AND FOODS.

Number of slaughterhouses licensed 2.
 Number of slaughtermen licensed 15.

UNFIT FOOD.

	lbs.	ozs.
Unfit food other than meat inspected at the slaughterhouses	161.	8.

This food mainly comprises the larger tins of cooked meats, and is surrendered voluntarily against a certificate of unfitness.

DISPOSAL OF UNFIT FOOD.

Tinned goods which are not suitable for disposal by burning are transported to the Town Hall yard where a workman smashes the tins to render the contents unusable. The resultant articles are then conveyed to the Council's controlled tip where they are deposited at the base of the working face and the days refuse deposited on top and consolidated to ensure there is no nuisance from fly breeding or smells and no opportunity given for rats to feed on this food.

Items suitable for burning are destroyed in the Council's incinerator. The bulk of the unfit meat from the slaughterhouse is stained with special green dye before removal to a licensed processing factory in an adjoining authority. Every precaution is taken to regulate the handling of unfit food to ensure that it is not diverted from the proper channels. There exists a very high degree of co-operation between the traders in the town and the staff of the Health Department, which ensures adequate disposal of any unfit food.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED FOR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Carcases and offal inspected and found unfit in whole or in part.

	Cattle (excluding Cows).	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Goats.
Number killed.	1515.	63.	892.	28,661.	7,703.	5.
Number inspected.	1515.	63.	892.	28,661.	7,703.	5.
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCOSIS.						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	168.	3.	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	217.	-	-	5840	2,903	-
Percentage of the number inspected, affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis.	14.32%	-	-	20.96%	37.7%	-
TUBERCULOSIS:						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	1.	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	269.	-
Percentage of number affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	3.49%	-
Cysticercus Bovis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	9.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	9.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected.	.59%	-	-	-	-	-

The weight of meat found unfit in connection with the above table was 12 tons, 6 cwt, 20 lbs, 12 oz.
The weight of meat rendered fit after refrigeration - 2 tons 8 cwt 14 lbs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

(1) Number of Food Premises in the Area:

	No. of Premises.	No. of visits.
Civic Restaurant	1.	12.
Restaurants	5.	18.
Bakehouses	1.	8.
Fried Fish Shops	13.	30.
Butchers	25.	103.
Bacon Factories	1.	56.
Grocers	97.	135.
Green Grocers	17.	21.
Wet Fish Shops	6.	15.
Slaughterhouses	2.	709.
Licensed premises	57.	28.
Factory Canteens	18.	72.

(11) NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16,
of the FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

	No. of Premises.	No. of visits.
Ice Cream Retailers	72.	79.
Manufacturers of Preserved Foods	8.	48.

(111) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

The following informal notices were served under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955:

	Served:	Complied with:
Bakehouses	1.	-
Butchers	20.	13.
Confectioners	4.	3.
Factory Canteens	6.	1.
Fried Fish Shops	3.	2.
Wet Fish Shops... ..	3.	1.
Greengrocers	11.	8.
Grocers	45.	28.
Licensed Premises	1.	-
Restaurants	5.	-
Sweets etc	7.	7.
Ice-cream Retailers	11.	2.
Vehicles	3.	3.

Offences:

Unregistered Premises - Sale of Ice Cream	1.
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Regulations:

Unsanitary Premises	27.	15.
Equipment - dirty or unsuitable	53.	40.
Food not adequately protected	62.	49.
Dirty containers	1.	1.
Dirty clothing	2.	2.
Smoking	8.	8.
F.A.I. in Food rooms	2.	-
Unsatisfactory water supply to W.C.	2.	1.

(111) Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 (continued)

Regulations (continued)	Served.	Complied with.
<u>W.C.</u>		
Dirty	44.	33.
Wrongly positioned allowing odour	11.	3.
Unsatisfactory ventilation and lighting	22	13.
Use as a food room.	2.	2.
Use of I.V.S. as food room	1.	1.
Absence of clean hands notice	36.	27.
Absence of water supply	6.	-
Absence of wash hand basin.	41.	19.
Unsatisfactory or no hot water.	33.	12.
Absence of towel, nailbrush and soap	33.	22.
Absence of first aid outfit	39.	30.
Absence of clothes locker	31	21.
Absence of washing-up sink.	18.	14.
Absence of hot water	8.	6.
Absence of cleaning materials.	3.	3.
Inadequate lighting	6.	2.
Unsanitary ventilation	27.	17.
<u>Food Room:</u>		
Dirty	57.	39.
In need of repair	56.	37.
Not vermin proof	6.	6.
Accumulations	59.	48.
Food not maintained at correct temperature	4.	4.
<u>Carrying of meat:</u>		
Persons head covering	1.	1.
<u>Bye Laws:</u>		
Failure to protect food from risk of contamination	62.	49.
Refuse in room not removed daily	51.	48.
Absorbant surfaces	18.	5.
Failure to protect from contamination vermin, flies etc	74.	53.
Absorbant surfaces	59.	48.

MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the milk supply in the district is designated, approximately 75% of the milk being sterilised.

SAMPLING

Dr. Romage, County Medical Officer of Health, has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, and details of samples of milk taken to ascertain cleanliness and efficient pasteurisation.

List of samples taken during the year 1964:

<u>MILK</u>	T.T. C.I. (Pasteurised).....	7
	T.T. (Pasteurised).....	22
	Pasteurised.....	1
	Sterilised.....	12
	Number of samples genuine.....	42
	Number of samples adulterated.....	NIL

GENERAL FOODS

Number of Samples taken.....	43
Number of Samples genuine.....	43

CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL FOODS

Dairy Cream, Danish Pasteurised Processed Cheese Spread with Shrimps, Instant Bread Sauce, Tea, Quick Dried French Beans, Table Salt, Pork Sausage with preservative (3 Samples), Brawn (2 Samples), Potato Crisps, Ratofia Flavouring, Curried Beans, Blackcurrants, Casserole Steak, Chocolate Ginger, Mild Ale, Black Pudding, Red Cherries (2 Samples), Steak and Kidney Pudding, Creamed Rice Milk Pudding, Christmas Plum Pudding, Mixed Fruit Jam, Corned Beef, Sardines, Malt Vinegar (2 Samples), Strawberry Jam, Tapioca Pudding, Mild Mustard, Baked Beans, Stewed Mutton, Natural Cheddar Cheese, Mint Jelly, Onions, Double Devon Cream, Ready to Cook Chips, Fruit Salad (2 Samples), Irish Stew, Scotch Broth.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES TAKEN BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DURING 1964.

	No. of Samples.	Phosphatase Test.		Turbidity Test.		Methylene Blue Test.	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail.
T.T.Pasteurised.	22.	22.	-	-	-	15.	-
Pasteurised.	1.	1.	-	-	-	1.	-
Sterilised.	12.	-	-	12.	-	-	-
T.T.Channel Isles Pasteurised.	7.	7.	-	-	-	5.	-
Totals:-	42.	30.	-	12.	-	21.	-

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959 - (PART 1).

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

PREMISES.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1.	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	73.	95.	14.	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	7.	7.	-	-
TOTALS:-	81.	102.	14.	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

PARTICULARS.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which Prosecutions Instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred.		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1.	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	12.	10.	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1.	1.	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:-	14.	11.	-	-	-

PETROLEUM ACTS.

Number of Licences issued to store Petrol or Petroleum Spirit	40.
Number of gallons of Petroleum or Petroleum Spirit stored	91,497 gallons.
Number of Licences issued to store Carbide of Calcium	3.
Amount of Carbide of Calcium stored	104 tons.
Income from licences	£40:0s:0d

RODENT CONTROL.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following treatments have been undertaken during the year:-

Business premises (factories, shops etc.)	138.
Private Dwelling Houses	258.
Estimated Kill (rats)	914.
Estimated Kill (Mice)	155.

C I N E M A S (Since converted to Bingo Hall).

Annual inspection for licensing purposes was carried out at the local cinema.
Further inspections were carried out in conjunction with the County Fire Prevention Officer.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

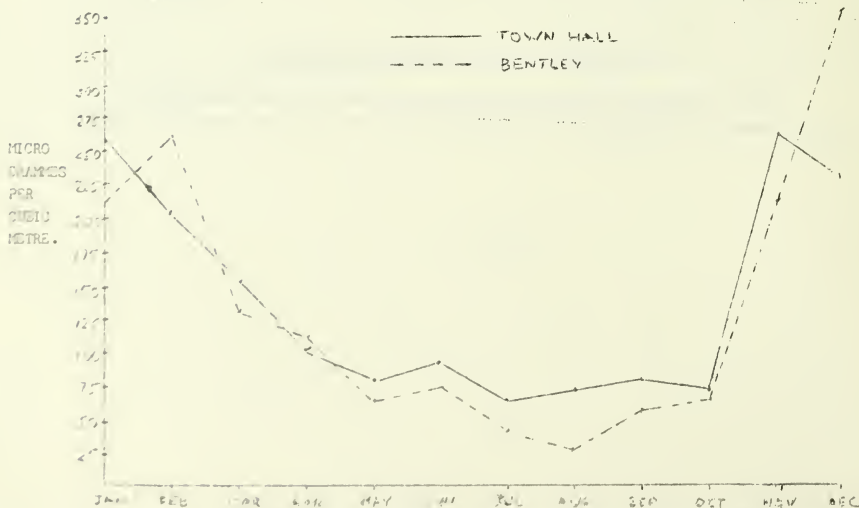
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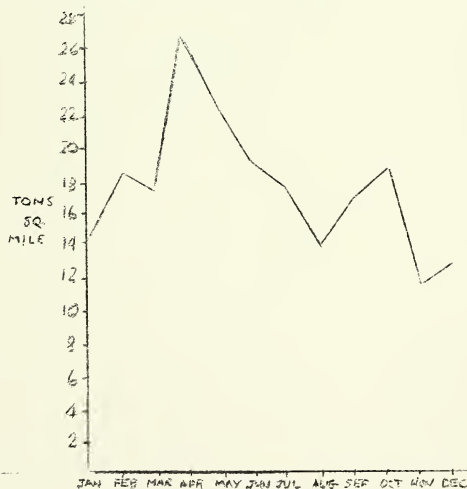
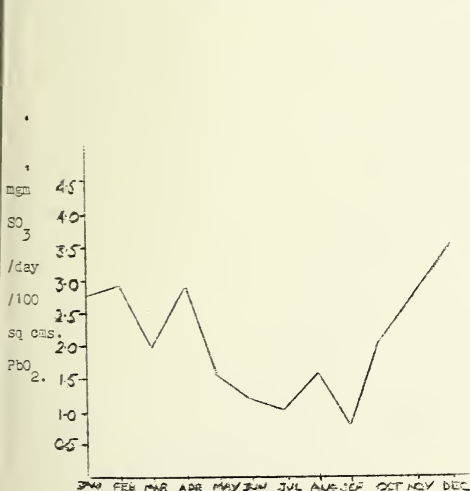
Microgrammes per cubic metre.

	Town Hall.			Bentley.		
	Average.	Highest.	Lowest.	Average.	Highest.	Lowest.
January.	260.	* 1704.	68.	213.	468.	72.
February.	205.	460.	84.	260.	504.	92.
March.	153.	272.	56.	131.	248.	36.
April.	100.	192.	54.	109.	236.	52.
May.	77.6	116.	44.	62.	82.	36.
June.	89.	184.	44.	71.	172.	24.
July.	62.	92.	44.	42.5	96.	20.
August.	71.	172.	4.	28.	60.	8.
September.	76.6	79.5	66.7	55.7	53.5	70.
October.	71.7	91.5	58.	66.4	67.1	47.7
November.	260.	356.	64.	211.	336.	80.
December	233.	772.	21.	355.	904.	72.

* A very foggy day.



	Estimation of Sulphur Lead Peroxide	DEPOSITED MATTER PER MONTH.			
	Mg. SO_3 /day per 100 sq. cms. PbO_2 .	Ins. Rain.	Total Undissolved Matter. tons.sq.mile.	Total Dissolved Matter. tons sq.mile.	Total Solids. tons sq.mile.
	Sewage Works.	Sewage Works.			
January.	2.75	0.51	6.94	7.34	14.28.
February	2.90	0.79	11.47	6.80	18.27.
March.	2.01	2.56	8.38	9.34	17.72
April	2.89	1.60	10.04	16.74	26.78
May	1.49	2.32	15.70.	6.30	22.00
June.	1.20	3.07	12.24	7.20	19.44
July	1.07	1.81	13.68	3.00	16.68
August	1.58	0.51	9.57	4.17	13.74
September	0.78	2.05	10.27	6.30	16.57
October.	2.15	1.66	9.94	8.74	18.68
November	2.76	0.87	4.47	6.57	11.04
December.	3.40.	2.13	6.47	6.0	12.47



" SULPHUR "

" SOLIDS "



